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For:	COMPRESSION MOLDING	)	
	PROCESS AND ARTICLE	)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO-1449 and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The sheet entitled "Compression Molding Steps" diagrammatically illustrates a conventional prior art molding procedure in which a generally cylindrical pellet is made, then dropped into a mold, and subsequently compressed to form an article.

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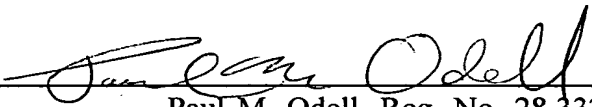
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Respectfully submitted,

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		A single sheet entitled "Compression Molding Steps"	
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